USACE CADD Meeting Min.
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1. In the past USACE had the largest percentage of participation from any one organization at the BE Conferences.   Group discussed what they learned from the conference and how it would benefit them back in the office. The general consensus was that the seminars and meeting other USACE users was an valuable experience and we should promote more attendance from our respective Districts.
2. Since Bentley has phased out the MVARS the group felt they should send technical people to the District offices and look for ways to optimize their internal setup.
   a. It was mentioned that USACE is allowed so many "Tech Days" per Division at no additional cost to USACE. How are these days distributed?
   b. Jacksonville District mentioned that by becoming an early adaptor of the ESRI/ProjectWise data connections. Bentley sent technical experts to their office for three days for installation and setup.
   c. Bentley agreed to offer power hours on topics of interest to USACE using WebX. Two proposed topics: ProjectWise 2004 Overview and ProjectWise 2004 Setup.
3. USACE 2012 - Virtual teaming is a driving force to implement ProjectWise at each District.
   a. Members of the group expressed concerns over slow connections and timing out across the WAN using ProjectWise. Bentley mentioned that other clients are not experiencing problems with ProjectWise over their WAN. Bentley also has performed testing in a controlled environment and did not report any problems.
4. USACE letter from HQ mandating CADD Standards.
   a. Majority of districts encourage CADD standards by setting the design symbology in the seed files.
   b. Tri-services workspace has been updated for ProjectWise. Currently only three districts (Fort Worth, Korea, and Seattle) are using it.
   c. Net-Spex is being used by Jacksonville and St. Paul. Group felt it was a good application but expensive.
   d. Toby mentioned they have $25,000 set aside for CADD Standards
5. Using Microstation V8 to take advantage of new features. Such as models, text and dimension styles, etc
   a. The general consensus was that each file should only contain one model.
   b. Group would like Bentley to offer suggestions based on their experience with other clients in the industry. We want to be using the same operating procedures as other firms in the civil engineering industry.